

Virginia Postgame Notes – Wake Forest (9/7/24)

Virginia Team Notes

- With the win, the Cavaliers snapped a five-game losing skid in the series with Wake Forest and improved to 35-17 in the all-time series, which began in 1889.
- Virginia collected its first win in Winston-Salem since 2002, when it scored the final three touchdowns to erase a 17-point deficit and win, 38-34.
- Virginia is off to its first 2-0 start since 2021 and only the third since the 2013 season.
- UVA trailed for nearly 58 minutes until Will Bettridge's extra point with 2:07 remaining. Virginia trailed by as many as 14 points, the largest deficit overcome in a victory since 2021 (at Louisville).
- Wake Forest was the first UVA opponent to score a touchdown on the opening drive since JMU on Sept. 9, 2023, a span of 11 games.
- UVA had not won a game when an opponent has scored a touchdown on the opening drive since it defeated Georgia Tech on Oct. 23, 2021.
- The Virginia defense totaled six sacks, the most in a game since recording eight at Georgia Tech on Oct. 20, 2022.
- The Cavaliers won their first ACC opener on the road since knocking off Pitt in 2019. UVA came into the contest having lost three-straight ACC openers.

Virginia Individual Player Notes

- Malachi Fields finished with career high in receptions (11) and receiving yards (148). He recorded his second-straight 100-yard receiving effort. It marks the ninth-straight game a UVA wide receiver has gone over the century mark dating back to last season.
- Fields has 329 yards receiving in his last three games, which includes the 2023 season finale.
- Trell Harris caught a career-high seven passes for 91 yards, three yards shy of matching his career best.
- Tyler Neville recorded his first two-touchdown game of his career, catching first half scores of 18 and 24 yards. He now has 10 career touchdown receptions (8 at Harvard, 2 at UVA). He's the first Cavalier tight end with two touchdown receptions in a game since Tom Santi against Duke on Sept. 8, 2007. Neville finished the night with four catches for 68 yards.
- Quarterback Anthony Colandrea completed 33 of 43 passes (77 percent) for 357 yards and matched a career-best with three touchdown passes. His 33 completions were a career-high and the most by a UVA quarterback since 2021 (Brennan Armstrong, 36 at Pitt).
- For the second-straight week, Antonio Clary led the team in tackles with 11 and he added his second career sack. Fellow safety Jonas Sanker finished with 10 tackles including seven solo efforts and his first career sack.
- In his only rushing attempt of the night, quarterback Grady Brosterhous plunged forward for a one-yard rushing touchdown with 2:07 remaining, which ultimately led to Bettridge's game-winning PAT. It was the first rushing touchdown of Brosterhous' career.
- Linebacker Trey McDonald made a career-high nine tackles (four solo) and was credited with his first collegiate sack.

- With 1:24 remaining, Malcolm Greene forced a fumble after Wake's Taylor Morin hauled in a 20-yard reception, and Antonio Clary recovered the ball at the UVA 29-yard line. Greene's forced fumble was the second of his career and first as a Cavalier.
- Jahmeer Carter made his 25th consecutive start, the longest active streak on the team as a Cavalier.